

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS



AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE

The undermentioned officers have been selected for retention on the active list as indicated:—

(i) GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

(a) PERMANENT OFFICERS

To be retained to age 50

Wing Cdrs. Vernon Sydney Brown, Paul Bernard Hunter, Hugh Leedham, O.B.E., Alfred Samuel Morris, O.B.E. Sqn. Ldrs. Noel Parker Dixon, A.F.C., Bernard Edward Harrison, A.F.C., Flt. Lt. Robert Dawlas McEwan Hart.

To be retained to age 48

Sqn. Ldrs. John Reginald Cassidy, Jack Cottle, M.B.E., D.F.C., George Cecil Gardiner, D.S.O., D.F.C., Reginald Thomas Brooke Houghton, A.F.C., Thomas Standley Ivens, Alfred Price Maurice, D.F.C., Reginald James Sanceau, Richard Douglas Starley, M.C., Alfred Hugh Stradling, O.B.E., Victor Hubert Tait.

(b) OFFICERS RETAINED IN THE SERVICE TO COMPLETE TIME FOR RETIRED PAY

To be retained to age 55

Flt. Lts. William Badley, Frank William Foster, D.F.C., D.S.M., William George Kentfield.

(c) SHORT SERVICE OFFICERS—SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO COMPLETE SEVEN YEARS

Flt. Lts. Edward Reoch Berry, John Blackwell Sinclair Monypenny, Frederick Arthur Agar Hawker Strath, F/O. William John Craig.

(d) SHORT SERVICE OFFICER—SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO COMPLETE SIX YEARS

F/O. Rupert Vallings Bucknall.

(ii) STORES BRANCH

To be retained to age 48

Flt. Lts. Richard Thomas Rich, Albert Thomas Wells.

CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL CATEGORIES

The undermentioned officers and airman pilots, who attended the Flying Instructors' Course at the Central Flying School from January 13 to March 28, have been categorised as follows:—

B

F/O.s P. E. Drew, F. S. Gardner, J. Grandy, M. B. Hamilton, W. J. Hickey, J. W. B. Judge, T. F. U. Lang, S. P. Langston, G. A. L. Manton, S. M. Moseley, P. H. S. Ross, F. W. C. Shute, E. A. Springall, A. W. Sweeny, L. F. J. Taylor, C. W. Williams, Sergts. Baker, P. J. F., Francis, E. H., Hayes, E. J., Holman, L. S., Howells, T. A., Jones, A. B., Masefield, E. B. G., Munns, A. C. L., O'Keefe, P. F., Noyes, L. B., Pickard, N., Ridd, B. C., Samuels, J. A., Scragg, C., Upton, D. A., Womphrey, E.

C

F/O.s J. F. Stephens, W. P. Sutcliffe, Sergts. Baker, D. E. P., Blake, A. S., Kirkham, W. A.

The undermentioned officer who attended a Flying Instructors' Course from September 16, 1935, to December 14, 1935, and from January 13, 1936, to February 9, 1936, has been granted category B:—

F/O. T. G. Lovell-Gregg.

AIR FORCE LIST

The June issue of the *Air Force List* has now been published. It can be purchased (price 3/-) from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; 2, York Street, Manchester; 2, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 15, Donegall Square, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

TRANSFERS TO THE RESERVE

The undermentioned short service officers should note that they become due in October and November next for transfer to the reserve, or (where indicated) for relinquishment of commission, on completing their period of service on the active list:—

General Duties Branch

Flt. Lts. Roger Hargreaves Maw, Vincent George Govett, Paul Richard Joseph Leborgne, Charles Edward Stuart Lockett, Quentin Weston Aldridge Ross, Colin Campbell McMullen, Robert MacFarlan.

Flt. Lts. Ross and McMullen have been selected provisionally for permanent commissions.

Medical Branch

Flt. Lts. Carl Heustis Smith, M.D., C.M., Francis Ivan Gershon Tweedie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., B.Ch.

Chaplains Branch

* The Revd. Cyril Damien Fay, * the Revd. Francis Graham Beauchant Sutherland.

* To relinquish commission, not liable for reserve service.

VACANCIES FOR APPRENTICE CLERKS

The Air Ministry announces that owing to the expansion of the Royal Air Force, an increased number of vacancies is offered to well-educated boys to enter as Apprentice Clerks. This career may appeal to many boys who are attracted to Service life and wish to travel abroad but have no liking for a mechanical trade.

The next entry will be made in July, and applications are to be received at the Air Ministry not later than July 1. Candidates must be in possession of an approved school certificate and must, on July 1, be between the ages of 15½ and 17½; preference will be given to those over 16.

Application forms and full information regarding the Apprentice Clerk scheme can be obtained from the Inspector of Recruiting, Royal Air Force, Victory House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Successful candidates will be required to complete twelve years' regular Air Force service after reaching the age of 18. At the age of 30 they return to civil life, but will normally be given an opportunity of entering the Royal Air Force Reserve and of drawing a gratuity of £100. A limited number may be permitted to re-engage to complete twenty-four years' service, qualifying for pension.

When a clerk has both attained the age of eighteen and successfully passed the examination at the end of his course the rate of pay is from 3s. to 4s. 6d. a day (21s. to 31s. 6d. a week) according to the degree of success achieved at the final examination. Subsequently there are opportunities for advancement with increased rates of pay. During the training period the Apprentice Clerk receives pay varying from 1s. to 1s. 6d. a day. In addition to pay, boys are provided with a free outfit, are lodged and victualled free of cost, and receive free medical attendance. They also have full opportunity to take part in the social and recreational activities of the units with which they are serving.

Apprentices normally receive eighteen months' training in clerical duties, typewriting, practical office routine, shorthand (for Clerks, General Duties), pay and store accounting (for Clerks, Accounting). Their general education will also be continued under a staff of graduate teachers.

FLYING ACCIDENTS

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Lt. Cdr. John Wyatt Hale, Royal Navy, Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force, died in No. 3 General Hospital, San Stefano, on May 31, as the result of injuries received in an accident which occurred at Aboukir on May 22, 1936, to an aircraft of No. 447 (Fleet Spotter Reconnaissance) Flight, H.M.S. London.

Lt. Cdr. Hale was the pilot of the aircraft and Lt. John Bridgewater Kitcat, Royal Navy, who was not injured, was the passenger.

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that A/C.1. Frederick George Chalk lost his life and F/O. John Asher Sutherland was severely injured in an aircraft accident which occurred at Hal Far, Malta, on June 5. F/O. Sutherland was the pilot of the aircraft and A/C.1. Chalk the passenger.

F.O. J. A. Sutherland died in the Royal Naval Hospital, Malta, on the same day as the result of his injuries.